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1. IN RESPONSE OUR QUERY ABDULLAH GHLOOM HUSSAIN, MINISTRY
OF LABOR OFFICIAL FOLLOWING ILO MATTERS, HAS DENIED "AS PURE
IMAGINATION" ARTICLE APPEARING IN MAY 23 KUWAIT TIMES
CLAIMING THAT "KUWAIT HAS STARTED CONCENTRATED CONTACTS
WITH VARIOUS ARAB AND FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO FORMULATE A
UNIFIED STAND AT THE FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL LABOUR
ORGANIZATION MEET TO CONFRONT AMERICAN PRESSURES TO FOIL
A DRAFT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL AND ITS RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PALESTINIAN WORKERS."

2. BECAUSE ARTICLE MAY LEAD TO EVEN MORE MISLEADING
REPORTS ELSEWHERE, HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:
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A. "AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HAS STARTED SERIES OF CONTACTS
WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES TO EXERT PRESSURE
ON ILO TO HINDER IT FROM ADOPTING A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING
THE RACIAL ISRAELI POLICY."

B. AS "PROTEST OVER PARTIAL ILO STANDS", US GAVE NOTICE

TO WITHDRAW, ARTICLE STATES, BUT HAS NOW "CHANGED ITS MIND" AND IS STARTING TO LOOK FOR A WAY TO STAY IN THE ORGANIZATION. THIS IS REASON FOR ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT WHICH "CALLS FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTIONS BY THE ILO BOARD PRESIDENCY COMPRISED OF THE PRESIDENT FROM W9 GERMANY, HIS DEPUTY FROM CANADA AND ANOTHER FROM SWEDEN AND ALL OF THEM ARE FRIENDS OF AMERICA, WHO COULD INFLUENCE THE RESOLUTIONS."

C. "IF AMERICA AND W. EUROPE WITHDRAW FROM THE ORGANIZATION THERE WILL BE A DEFICIT OF 70 PERCENT AND THIS WIIT RESULT IN OBSTRUCTING MANY LABOUR PROJECTS AND PLANS IN THE MEMBER COUNTRIES."

D. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT "THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE WILL BE VERY STORMY BECAUSE THE ARAB AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WILL DEMAND CANCELLATION OF THE TEN PERMANENT SEATS IN THE ORGANIZATION, APPOINTMENT OF A GENERAL SECRETARY, REPRESENTATION ACCORDING TO GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS AND AMENDMENT OF THE VOTING SYSTEO."

3. HUSSAIN LAUGHED AND TERMED DEMAND FOR CANCELLATION OF 10 PERMANENT SEATS IN THE ORGANIZATION AS UTTER NONSENSE. HE LEAVES FOR GENEVA MAY 24 AND LOOKS FORWBJD TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH HOROWITZ.

4. KUWAIT TIMES ARTICLE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNRELIABLE STORIES FREQUENTLY APPEARING IN THE LOCAL PRESS.
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